

Public Health Community Speaks Out Against Nutrition Facts Delay

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

“The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics supports Americans’ ability to know what is in their food so that they can make healthy choices at the point of purchase for themselves and their families. The Food and Drug Administration’s final rule updating the Nutrition Facts Panel was released in 2016 after a robust notice and comment period and would do much to supply consumers with that valuable information. The Academy is disappointed that the FDA has delayed the rule’s implementation indefinitely. The food industry has been working to comply with the updated Nutrition Facts Label, which gives consumers calorie information in a bolder format, uses more realistic serving sizes, and most importantly will provide a separate line and Daily Value for added sugars. In the interest of assisting Americans in knowing what is in their food, the Academy encourages the FDA to reconsider its decision and implement the rule without delay.”

American Academy of Pediatrics

“@US_FDA’s delay of the Nutrition Fact Label is a setback. We need the new label to help inform healthy choices”

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American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

“We’re concerned that the FDA’s indefinite delay of the updated Nutrition Facts label will weaken consumers’ ability to make nutritious food and beverage choices for themselves and their families. Presenting easy to understand nutrition information is critical to improving overall public health and reducing the risk of more than 13 types of obesity-related cancer. We urge the FDA to reconsider the implementation dates.”

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Dr. Richard Besser, President and CEO of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

“High sugar intake is bad for your [health]. Consumers need labels that show how much added sugar is in their food #NutritionFacts”

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Nancy Brown, CEO of American Heart Association

“FDA’s decision to delay the food industry’s deadline to update and include the revised Nutrition Facts panel on their products is extremely disappointing, particularly because it comes on the heels of the FDA extending the menu labeling compliance deadline. The FDA must make empowering consumers to make accurately informed food choices their first priority. Rather, the FDA is putting industries’ concerns before the public’s health.”

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Consumers Union

“Big Food wins, consumers lose: FDA say revised #menulabeling could be delayed by as much as three years.”

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Center for Science in the Public Interest

“As with the its delay of menu labeling, the FDA will end up denying consumers critical information they need to make healthy food choices in a timely manner and will throw the food industry into disarray.”

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Dr. Jim Krieger, Executive Director of Healthy Food America

“By delaying the implementation of the new Nutrition Facts panel, which includes an added sugars line, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is withholding critical information that would help families make healthier food and drink choices. There’s no rational reason to put this off. Consumers need and deserve this updated information now, not years down the road.”

Oldways

“Companies are ALREADY USING updated Nutrition Facts labels. Additional delay only hurts American health.”

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Union of Concerned Scientists

“The longer we delay giving consumers the knowledge and power to make informed decisions about the foods they buy and eat, the longer we are missing out on an opportunity to improve Americans’ overall health.”

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